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Mr. Richard Collins  
Staff Director  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

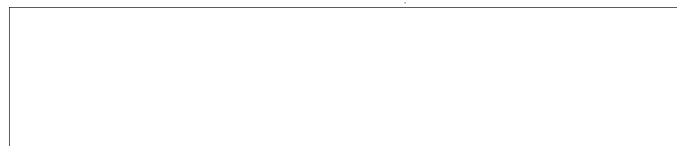
Dear Mr. Collins:

Enclosed is draft language we prepared for use in the section on Panama of the Joint Explanatory Statement to the Conference Report on Foreign Aid Appropriations bill. This draft language alleviates the concerns I raised with you last month regarding restriction on aid to Panama. This language was coordinated with the Department of State.

Please give me a call, after reviewing this draft language, to confirm that it is acceptable and will be placed in the appropriate section to the Joint Explanatory Statement. I can be reached by calling [redacted] Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure as  
stated

cc: Britt Snider

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#### ASSISTANCE FOR PANAMA (SEC. 564)

The conferees agree on extending the existing prohibition on the obligation or expenditure of U.S. assistance to the Government of Panama. The conferees agree to the Senate provision, which bars assistance to Panama, rather than the House provision, which bars assistance to only the Noriega regime or ministries under the control of the Noriega regime, to make clear that any successor regime must also meet the criteria stated in subsection (a) for resuming assistance. This provision is not intended to bar assistance by the U.S. Government to those individuals and groups, including those who are part of the Government of Panama, who oppose Noriega (or a successor regime that does not meet the criteria stated in subsection (a) of this section) and who support the restoration of democracy.